



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 09/687,138 | 10/12/2000 | John J. Sie | 19281-000700US | 1028 |

20350 7590 09/27/2004

TOWNSEND AND TOWNSEND AND CREW, LLP
TWO EMBARCADERO CENTER
EIGHTH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111-3834

EXAMINER

BUI, KIEU OANH T

| ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
|----------|--------------|
|----------|--------------|

2611

DATE MAILED: 09/27/2004

14

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/687,138

Applicant(s)

SIE ET AL.

Examiner

KIEU-OANH T BUI

Art Unit

2611

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) KIEU-OANH T BUI.

(3)_____.

(2) THOMAS D. FRANKLIN.

(4)_____.

Date of Interview: 14 September 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Calims 1, 6, 16, and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ganek et al. (US. No.5,724,646).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed independent claims vs art rejections of record. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6, 16, and 20 are persuasive. In response, the advisory action mailed on 07/22/2004 is hereby vacated. An office action will be forthcoming.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


KRISTA BUI
PATENT EXAMINER
Examiner's signature, if required